Message from His Highness the Maharaja to His Subjects.

I desire on this day of universal rejoicing to address a special message to my beloved people in Mysore.

We are celebrating to-day the complete and glorious victory which Great Britain and her Allies have won under a Divine Providence against a powerful and ruthless foe whose avowed object was to crush the liberty of Europe under the heel of a Military autocracy. I ask you to join in the rejoicing of the whole British Empire over the triumph of the sacred cause of freedom and justice.

His Gracious Majesty the King Emperor and His Illustrious Consort who have set, throughout the war, a magnificent example of courage, sympathy and patriotism to all their subjects should be specially in our thoughts to-day.

At this time when my people are saddened by the terrible ravages of sickness, their hearts may well turn in deepest sympathy to the many thousands of sorrowing parents, wives and children whom the war has bereaved. May they be consoled by the thought that the sacrifice which their dead heroes offered for their country was not made in vain, and that "their name liveth for ever more."

We should always remember with admiration and gratitude the heroism and endurance displayed throughout the war by the sailors and soldiers of the British Empire, and we may reflect with special pride that India has played a noble part in the great struggle on almost every front, and has sent her sons in thousands to fight and die as brothers in arms, with the soldiers of Great Britain and her Allies. I am proud to think that our own Mysore Troops played their part, however small, with gallantry and distinction, and have helped to cement the bond of affection and gratitude which has, for over a century, united Mysore to the British Government perhaps more closely than any other Indian State.

Let us all earnestly pray that the cessation of hostilities which we celebrate to-day, may be the fore-runner of a just and abiding peace, and of an era of prosperity and happiness throughout the world.

Seal.

KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR.

NOTIFICATION.

His Highness the Maharaja is pleased to sanction leave of absence for six months to Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Dewan of Mysore, with effect from the 10th December 1918.

During the absence on leave of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, or until further orders, Rajasevadhurina Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, C.S.I., First Member of Council, will officiate as Dewan and President of the Council.

Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs is granted leave on medical certificate for one month with effect from the 10th December 1918. During the absence of Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs on leave, or until further orders, Mr. A. R. Banerji, C.I.E., Second Member of Council, will act as First Member of Council and be in charge of the current duties of the office of Dewan and President of the Council.

Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao, B.A., B.L., Extra Member of Council, will act as Second Member of Council during the time Mr. A. R. Banerji acts as First Member of Council.

By Order,
M. VISVESVARAYA,
Dewan of Mysore.